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CIA FEUDING with Congress snarls efforts to "unleash" the spy agency.

Chances for enacting a new intelligence charter, intended to boost U.S. spy operations, now seem slim. CIA Director Turner and Capitol Hill leaders fail to agree on the scope of congressional review. Turner riles Congress by saying he has withheld some sensitive information from its committees. He warns that he will bar dangerous missions if Congress demands prior notice.

Senate Majority Leader Byrd says he is "puzzled, disappointed and concerned" by Turner's stand. He insists Congress won't give the CIA a "blank check." Senate Intelligence Chairman Bayh angrily accuses Turner of "moving back" from earlier cooperation with Congress. Bayh and fellow Senators resent the suggestion that Congress can't keep secrets.

Senators expected the agency to oppose only two provisions of the proposed charter. Turner insists, instead, that eight changes are necessary.